



QUICK VIEW

DIVORCE

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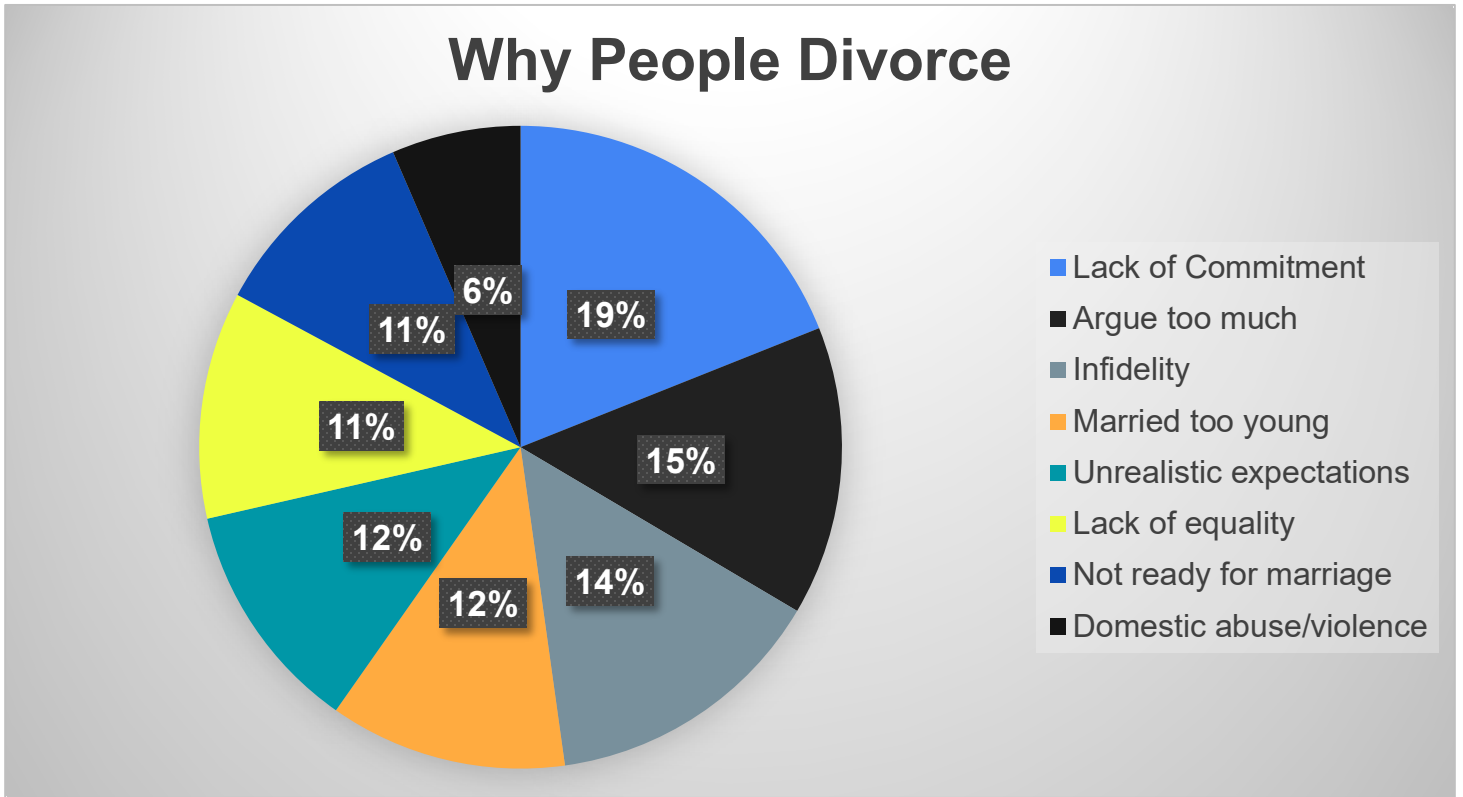


Infidelity

Immanuel Kant is a well-known philosopher who believed that sexuality is especially problematic when exercised outside of a monogamous marriage or relationship. He argued that when someone strays outside of this situation, the product of that union will lead to objectification. Most men and women that step outside of the marriage or monogamous relationship do not realize that they are creating a negative space for themselves, the person they are objectifying (and their people) and the ripple of people they are involved with at home, work and in their social lives.

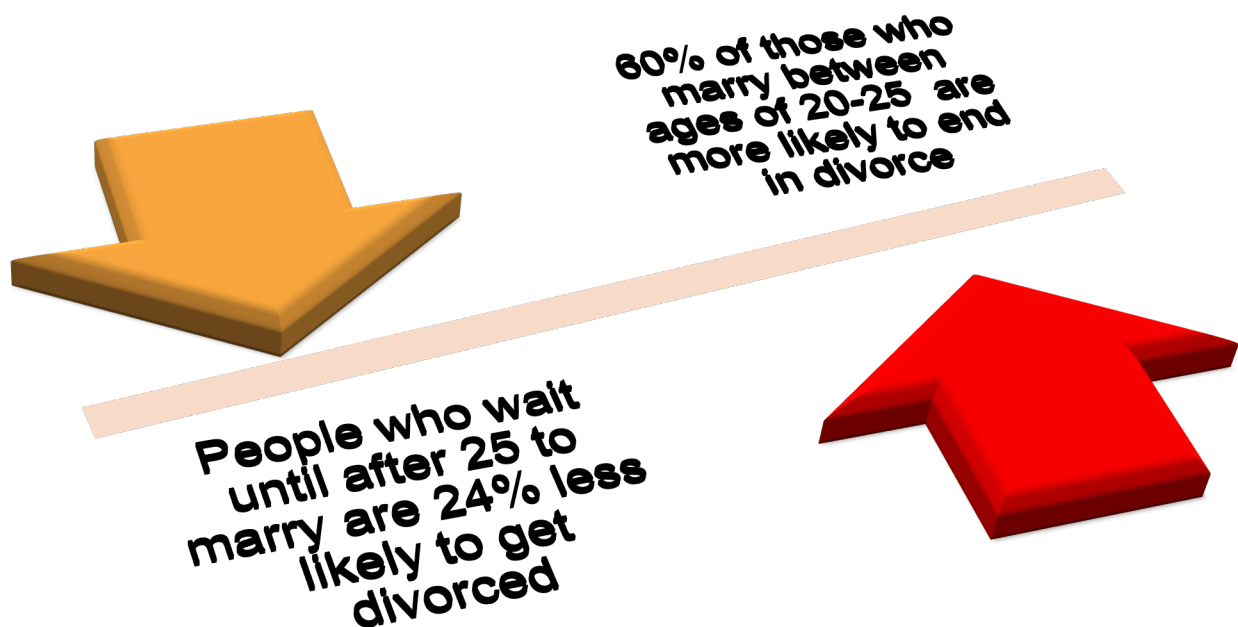
Statistic: 55% of marriages end because of infidelity

Underlying Causes



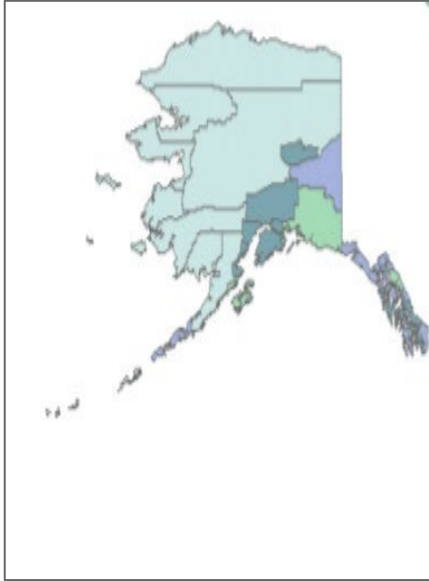
When do people decide to get divorced?

January- about the time that attorneys get back into the office after the holiday is when most people file for divorce. The average length of a marriage is 8 years.

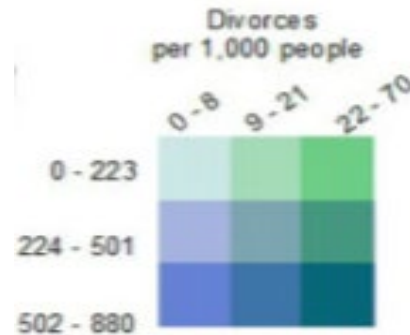


Religion

Religious-Political Paradox



Conservative
protestants
Per 1,000
people

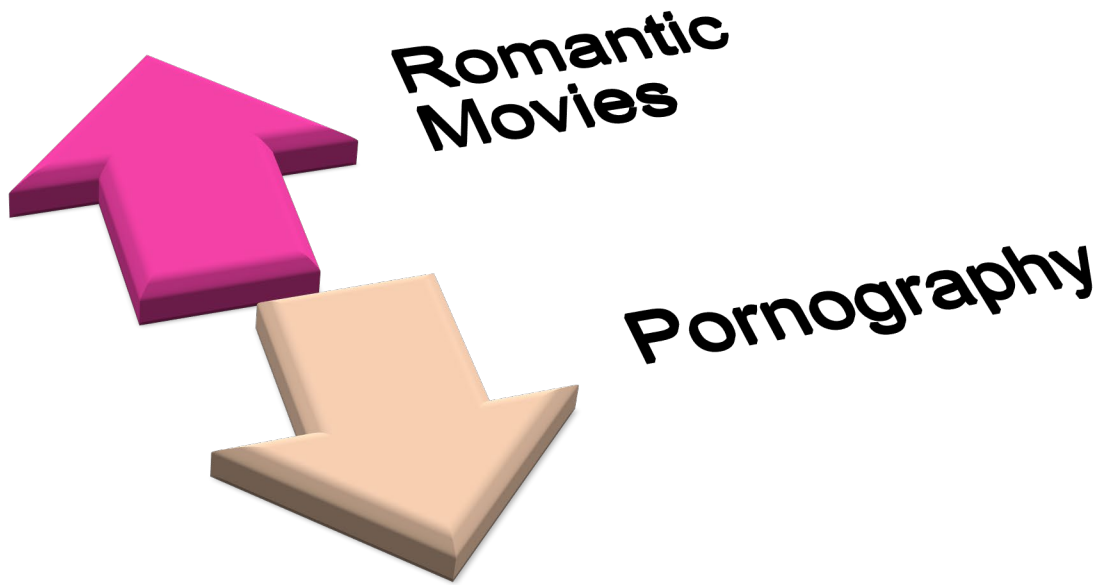


The way a person has internalized their religious upbringing and how religion fits into their lives today will impact divorce. A recent study shows that divorce rates are higher in conservative states versus liberal. Here are some possible explanations for this paradox:

- 1- Poverty. Many of the areas where these conservative religious groups live are in extremely impoverished areas and it could contribute to the problems that married couples face, regardless of religion or political affiliation.
- 2- Higher rates of marriage. It is possible that more conservative minded people decide to marry than liberal minded people.
- 3- The Southern culture historically has been slow to admonish domestic abuse and violence. It is possible that the high rate of domestic violence contributes to the high divorce rate.

As it turns out, the research outcomes revealed that early marriage and low income were the main culprits in high divorce rates among religious right conservative people.

External Factors



A study found that couples that watched romantic movies together and had a conversation about it afterwards helped to lower divorce rates by an average of 17% in marriages of three years.

However, research also predicts that pornography addiction is the cause for nearly 60% of all divorces.

Pornography can be a great tool sometimes, but it is also a problem for many people who receive negative messages about body image, sexual ability, sex education, romance and violence reinforcement from the images in pornography. For these reasons, I am an advocate for age-appropriate pornography and not exposing teenagers to any of it. I believe it is important for adults to implement pornography to a healthy sex narrative, not create a sex narrative from pornography.

Parents



Upbringing Matters

50% of all children in the United States will witness the end of their parents' marriage. 50% of those will witness the end of their parents second marriage.

Parents with daughters are 5% more likely to divorce than those with sons.

Having a baby before marriage increases the risk of divorce by 24%

The risk of divorce is 50% higher when one spouse comes from divorced home and 200% when both spouses do.

If your parents are still happily married, your risk of divorce decreases by 14%

If your parents married others after they divorced, studies show that you may be 91% more likely to get divorced.

Finances

Divorce, Child Support, and Custody

To date, 43% of children growing up in the United States are being raised without their father.

90% of divorced mothers have custody of the children.

Over 79% of custodial mothers receive child support, and of course under 30% of fathers.

65% of divorced mothers receive no child support.

Over 46% of non-custodial mothers completely default on child support while only 27% of non-custodial fathers do.

The average total cost of divorce is \$15,000. Almost 50% of parents with children that are going through divorce move into poverty after the divorce.

60% of people under the poverty guidelines are divorced women and children.

27% of recently divorced women had less than \$25,000 in annual household income compared with 17% of recently divorced men.



The Toll

A new study was conducted to find a correlation between divorce and death. Research has found that broken marriages can kill at the same rate as smoking cigarettes.

Statistics show that the rate of dying is 23% higher for divorcees than married people.

The nation's 1.4 million divorces in 2002 were estimated to have cost taxpayers more than \$30 billion in food stamps, public housing, as well as bankruptcies and juvenile delinquencies.

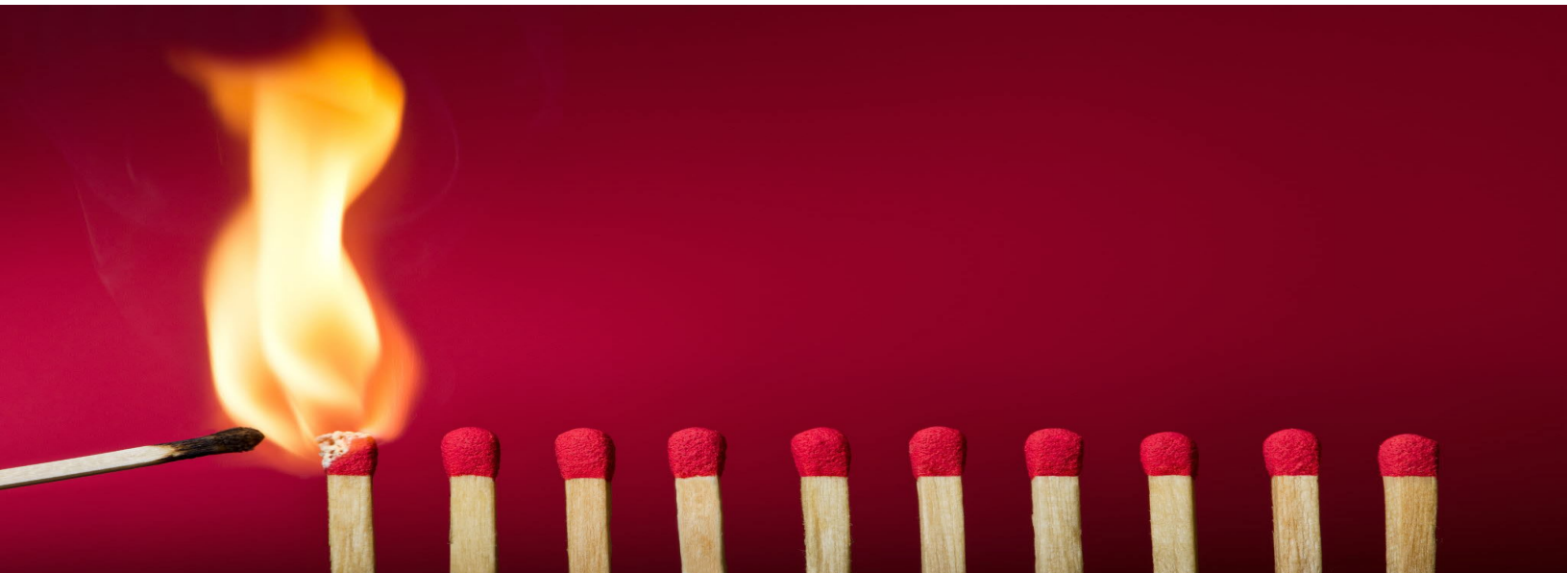
Only around 5% of divorces are decided by a Judge. Most divorces, these days, are settled between attorneys or between the parties in mediation.

In Summary

The previous statistics are meant to provide an idea of where you stack up against the rest of the country as far as divorce and custody are concerned. As a divorce and custody mediator- I am not satisfied with providing a service that sees people to the end of what can possibly be salvaged.

We have identified so many external and underlying reasons for a divorce and if these causes are addressed through coaching, it is possible that an unhappy marriage can be transformed. I would like to be part of the solution and not always part of how the parties can find closure.

These statistics are eye opening and, I hope, motivating. Please consider working with me to address broken intimacy and strained communication practices before moving to separation.



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